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SUBJECT: GARRISON DIVERSION -- IJC HEARINGS END

1. IJC PUBLIC HEARINGS ENDED MAR 15 IN GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, WHERE GOVERNOR LINK, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS SPOKE IN DEFENSE OF PROJECT. THERE WERE SO MANY WITNESSES THAT SESSION HAD TO BE EXTENDED INTO EVENING HOURS. HEARINGS WERE LEAD NEWS ITEMS ON ALL THREE U.S. TV STATIONS WHICH ARE RECEIVED HERE, BUT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO SURPRISES AS SPEAKERS PRESENTED THEIR CASES IN SUPPORT OF GARRISON.

2. ON MAR 14, AT PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MANITOBA, IJC WAS TOLD IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PROTECT THE CITY S WATER SUPPLY FROM EFFECTS OF GARRISON PROJECT. AN ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE IS ESTIMATED TO COST DOLS 6 MILLION. OTHER DELEGATIONS VOICED OPPOSITION ON GROUNDS ALREADY HEARD AT OTHER HEARINGS (SALINITY, FLOODING, FISH PARASITES, POLLUTANTS, ETC.)

3. ACCORDING TO ONE COUNT, II PERSONS APPEARED BEFORE IJC AT 11 SESSIONS IN 5 CITIES. WITH HEARINGS NOW OVER, ATTENTION IN NORTH DAKOTA WILL BE ON MAR 22 MEETING IN JAMESTOWN, N.D. WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS GARRISON. NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE
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WILL ADJOURN THAT DAY TO TRAVEL EN MASSE TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR GARRISON IN EFFORT REINSTATE FUNDS CUT OFF BY CARTER ADMINISTRATION.
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